

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A cosmetic composition in the form of a soft solid, said cosmetic composition comprising at least 60% by weight in total of a water immiscible carrier liquid and structurant system therefor, and from 1 to 30% by weight of a particulate antiperspirant active suspended in said carrier liquid said carrier liquid comprising a mixture of a hydrocarbon oil and an aromatic ester oil in a weight ratio of from 1:2 to 15:1 and said structurant system comprising from 5.5 to 20% in total of a di or triblock alkylene/arylene block copolymer and an organic wax in a weight ratio to each other of from 5:1 to 30:1 1:5 to 1:30, and wherein the carrier liquid optionally further comprises an auxiliary hydrophobic carrier oil, wherein the total amount of the auxiliary hydrophobic carrier oil, if present, is not greater than 15% by weight of the total weight of the carrier liquid.

Claim 2 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is at least 2:3.

Claim 3 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 2 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is at least 1:1.

Claim 4 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is up to 6:1.

Claim 5 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 4 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is up to 4:1.

Claim 6 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is from 1:1 to 4:1.

Claim 7 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is at least 45%.

Claim 8 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 7 wherein the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is at least 55%.

Claim 9 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is not more than 80.

Claim 10 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is not more than 70%.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is from 55 to 70%.

Claim 12 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of carrier oils to structurant system is within the range of from 6:1 to 10:1.

Claim 13 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 12 wherein the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is from 55 to 70%.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 12 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is from 1:1 to 4:1.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the structurant system comprises at least 6% by weight of the composition.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the structurant system comprises not more than 12% by weight of the composition.

Claim 17 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 12 wherein the structurant system comprises from 6% to 12% by weight of the composition, the weight ratio of carrier oils to structurant system is within the range of from 6:1 to 10:1 and the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil in the carrier oils is from 1:1 to 4:1.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of the organic wax to the block copolymer is at least 8:1.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio ~~of~~ of the organic wax to the block copolymer is up to 24:1.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the numerical product obtained by multiplying the weight percentage of organic wax with the weight percentage of the block copolymer is in the range of 4 to 6.5.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight percentage of organic wax in the composition is from 6 to 9%.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the organic wax comprises one or more waxes selected from hydrocarbon waxes, waxy linear fatty alcohols and esters of fatty acids or mixtures thereof said wax being solid at 40°C.

Claim 23 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 22 wherein the wax comprises ester derived from fatty acids and glycerol and/or ethylene glycol.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the arylene/alkylene block copolymer is derived from styrene and butadiene or isoprene or ethylene/butylene or ethylene propylene.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the block copolymer is introduced into the composition in the form of a pre-dispersion in a hydrocarbon oil.

Claim 26 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 25 wherein the concentration of the block copolymer in the pre-dispersion is from 1.5 to 4% by weight.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein a dispersion of the block copolymer in the carrier oils has a viscosity of from 1 to 25 Pa.s when measured at 25°C in a viscometer.

Claim 28 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 17 wherein the structurant comprises from 6 to 9% of said organic wax is selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon waxes, waxy linear fatty alcohols and esters of fatty acids and mixtures thereof that are solid at 40°C and said arylene/alkylene block copolymer is derived from styrene and butadiene or isoprene or ethylene/butylene or ethylene propylene.

Claim 29 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the antiperspirant active is an astringent aluminium and/or zirconium salt, preferably a halohydrate.

Claim 30 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 29 wherein the astringent salt is an aluminium and/or zirconium chlorohydrate, optionally activated, and/or an aluminium/zirconium complex with an amino acid.

Claim 31 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 30 wherein the astringent salt is an activated aluminium chlorohydrate or an aluminium zirconium chlorohydrate complexed with glycine.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition according to claim 29 wherein the antiperspirant active is free from hollow particles and has a refractive index which differs from the average refractive index of the carrier liquids by from 0.01 to 0.05 units.

Claim 33 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 32 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil is from 1:1 to 4:1 and the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is from 55 to 70%.

Claim 34 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 33 wherein the weight ratio of carrier oils to structurant system is within the range of from 6:1 to 10:1.

Claim 35 (Original): A cosmetic composition according to claim 33 wherein the structurant comprises from 6 to 9% of said organic wax is selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon waxes, waxy linear fatty alcohols and esters of fatty acids and mixtures thereof that are solid at 40°C and said arylene/alkylene block copolymer is derived from styrene and butadiene or isoprene or ethylene/butylene or ethylene propylene.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic product comprising an anhydrous soft solid cosmetic composition contained within a dispensing container comprising a chamber for the cosmetic composition provided at one end with a closure defining at least one aperture and with a means for impelling the antiperspirant composition towards the cover, in which the cosmetic composition is in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 37 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic product according to claim 36 wherein the dispensing container is free from immediate pressure reducing means.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic product according to claim 36 wherein the at least one aperture constitutes not more than 14% of the surface area of the closure for the dispensing container.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic product according to claim 38 wherein the at least one aperture constitutes from 3 to 13% of the surface area of the closure.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic product according to claim 36 wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon oil to aromatic ester oil in the composition is from 1:1 to 4:1 and the total weight proportion of carrier oils in the composition is from 55 to 70%.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic composition according to claim 36 wherein the weight ratio of carrier oils to structurant system is within the range of from 6:1 to 10:1.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic composition according to claim 36 wherein the structurant comprises from 6 to 9% of said organic wax is selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon waxes, waxy linear fatty alcohols and esters of fatty acids and mixtures thereof that are solid at 40°C and said arylene/alkylene block copolymer is derived from styrene and butadiene or isoprene or ethylene/butylene or ethylene propylene.

Claim 43 (Withdrawn): A process of making a cosmetic product comprising a dispensing container comprising a chamber for a cosmetic composition provided at one end with a closure defining at least one aperture and with a means for impelling the antiperspirant composition towards the closure, wherein the cosmetic composition is in accordance with claim 1, and the process comprises the steps of:-

i) forming a mixture of the organic wax and at least a fraction or component of the carrier fluid mixture comprising hydrocarbon oil and/or aromatic ester oil;

- ii) stirring the mixture and raising its temperature to a temperature selected within the range of from 50 to 120°C at which the mixture is homogeneous;
- iii) introducing into the mixture the copolymer, optionally premixed with the remainder of the carrier liquid, stirring the augmented mixture and maintaining or elevating its temperature within the range of up to 120°C until it is homogeneous;
- iv) introducing the particulate antiperspirant with stirring into the homogenous augmented mixture at a temperature above its normal setting temperature;
- v) introducing the resultant antiperspirant-containing mixture into the chamber of the dispenser and
- vi) cooling the antiperspirant-containing composition or allowing it to cool to below a temperature at which it forms a soft solid.

Claim 44 (Withdrawn): A cosmetic method of controlling perspiration comprising applying topically to skin a cosmetic composition according to claim 1.